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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )  
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FOR: Data Lookup )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97-1.98, submitted herewith is Form PTO-1449 along with copies of the two references identified therein. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the British search report which was received by the Applicant on December 21, 2001 and which constitutes the first knowledge of the applicant of the cited references. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore being timely filed and no fee is required.

Both references were cited merely as category A documents, and it is believed that these references, while of technological background interest, are not relevant to the present invention.

WO 88/02147 (Cochran) describes a display driven database search system in which lists are searched using a scrolling control and a

select control. Dynamic lists may be made by obtaining data fields from each record in the database wherein the fields correspond to a category selected by the user.

US 4104717 (Fujimura) describes an automatic telephone directory system in which the entire contents of the directory may be electronically searched based on an encoding of name, address and occupation. The information is retrieved by successively dividing the memory into portions.

However, there is clearly no suggestion in either of these references of the novel method of data lookup as defined in the present claims.

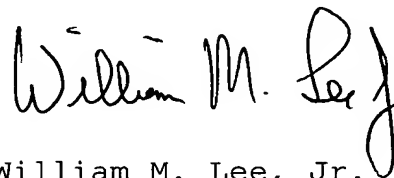
In summary, it is submitted that the claims of this application are clearly patentable over the references.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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